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Annual report of the
municipal officers of the
town of Ripley

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

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For the Year 1927-1928

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Town Warrant

To Geo. H. Knowles, a constable of the town of Ripley
in the county of Somerset, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on the 5th day of March 1928, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear reports of town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose an auditor.

Art. 9. To choose a fire warden.

Art. 10. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker library.

Art. 11. To choose a collector of taxes.

Art. 12. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of schools.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of school books.

Art. 15. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for miscellaneous school expenses.

Art. 17. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay tuition of high school scholars.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of roads and bridges summer.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for breaking roads in winter.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay town charges.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of Crocker library.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 19, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 23. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$300 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the amount being the maximum amount which is allowed to be raised under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the section of State Aid improvement for the year 1928, as recommended by the selectmen and approved by the State Highway commission.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the maintenance of special resolve and Third Class road, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$50 for early patrol.

Art. 27. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of poor.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay interest on town orders.

Art. 29. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$100 to be expended on the road from the Mills school, so called, to the residence of R. W. Mills.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will grant and raise for the purchase of snow fence, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 31. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Art. 32. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to hire money for town purposes when needed or act anything relative thereon.

Art. 33. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay on town debt.

Art. 34. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$15 for Memorial Day, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 35. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to assess a sum of money sufficient to pay snow bills created from the time of closing of the town books until the assessing of taxes.

Art. 36. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$150 to be expended on Water Street, so called, from Litchfield's store to the Curtis road or act anything thereon.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to finish the three-town road leading from St. Albans town line to Cambridge town line, raise money for same or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to revalue the real estate, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 39. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$50 to be expended in graveling the road leading from A. L. Ellms to Geo. Nutters, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise money to provide for the services of a public health nurse, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 41. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the Central Maine Power Co. for five years for lights for the town hall or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 42. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to repair the Wing road, or act anything relating thereon.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as recommended by the selectmen.

Art. 44. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to be expended and used for advertising the resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 45. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town house at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands the 21st day of Feb. A. D. 1928.

J. S. LAUGHTON,
F. L. HASELTINE,
GEO. H. KNOWLES,

Selectmen of Ripley.

Assessors' Report

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK

	Av. Value	Total Value
159 horses	\$70 00	\$11,245 00
275 cows	32 00	8,935 00
12 bulls	35 00	420 00
79 3-year olds	26 00	2,045 00
63 2-year olds	21 00	1,350 00
45 sheep	11 1-9	500 00
410 domestic fowl	72	295 00
Total		\$ 24,790 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

85 1-year olds	\$ 1,348 00
361 sheep	3,913 00
87 swine	1,307 00
1357 domestic fowl	1,025 00
	\$ 7,593 00

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1927

Resident real estate	\$112,560 00
Non-resident real estate	33,560 00
Resident personal estate	40,145 00
Non-resident personal estate	750 00
Total valuation	\$187,015 00

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1927

No. of polls taxed, 103	
Assessed on polls	\$ 309 00

Assessed on resident real estate	5,853 12
Assessed on non-resident real estate	1,745 12
Assessed on resident personal estate	2,087 54
Assessed on non-resident personal estate	39 00
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Total assessment	\$10,033 78
Total appropriation	9,878 41
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Overlay	\$ 155 37
Rate of taxation, .052	

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1927

For removing snow in spring	\$ 450 00
schools	1,900 00
school books	10 00
repair of school houses	200 00
misc. school expenses	60 00
high school tuition	300 00
roads in summer	1,300 00
roads in winter	500 00
town charges	1,200 00
Crocker library	75 00
repair of special resolve and 3rd class	
road	300 00
early patrol	50 00
interest on town debt	150 00
repair of Marsh hill	200 00
repair of Rummery road	100 00
Memorial Day	15 00
gravel on Sevey road	200 00
3-town road	500 00
support of poor	300 00
state tax	1,243 45
county tax	324 96
To pay on town debt	500 00
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Total appropriation	\$9,878 41

Report of Overseers of Poor

Appropriation by town	\$ 300 00
Rec'd from state, teachers pension	137 50
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Total	\$ 437 50
Paid for Fannie S. Marble	\$ 271 00
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Unexpended	\$ 166.50

STATE PAUPERS ACCOUNT

Paid Herbert Skillings for board, care and clothing furnished Geo. Tom- linson	\$ 238 47
Received from state	\$ 179 97
Due from state	58 50
	<hr/> \$ 238 47

Selectmen's Report

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Appropriation by town	\$ 9,878 41
Overlay	155 37
Cash in treasury	202 18
Received from Garland for text books	3 00
A. L. Ellms for road	15 00
state, on school account	16 00
tax on bank stock	1 92
damage to sheep	120 00
3-town road	9,417 66
maintenance special resolve	28 50
for schools	1,470 68
railroad and telegraph tax	44
on 3rd class road	996 32
state pauper dept.	179 97
money hired by town	1,000 00
int. from bank on road money	13 50
int. on Bartlett Tripp Fund	4 00
state, teachers pension	137 50
collector of 1926	51 00
J. A. Page, for culvert	31 92
state dog license	16 12
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	\$ 23,739 49

Expenditures

Paid State tax	\$ 1,243 45
county tax	324 96
patrolman	545 60
By orders turned over	20,911 20
-int. bearing order	500 00
on town order	16 66

cash in treasury	189 87
paid bounty on hedgehogs	7 75
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	\$ 23,739 49

SUMMARY OF ORDERS DRAWN

For schools	\$ 2,582 88
repair of school houses	15 30
text books	34 87
misc. school account	51 32
high school tuition	958 33
Crocker library	75 00
state poor	238 47
town poor	271 00
3rd class highway	997 50
money hired	1,000 00
roads and bridges	2,615 69
town charges	1,048 38
Memorial Day	10 00
interest	60 00
3-town road	10,949 69
town officers bills	788 41
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	\$ 21,696 84

CROCKER LIBRARY

Appropriated by town	\$ 75 00
Paid librarian	75 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town	\$ 150 00
Received from bank int.	13 50
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	\$ 163 50
Paid interest	109 09
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Unexpended	\$ 54 41

TOWN DEBT

Appropriated by town	\$ 500 00
Paid town order	500 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated by town	\$	15 00
Paid Rev. W. H. Dunham		10 00
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Unexpended	\$	5 00

ABATEMENTS

Earl Felker, paid in Dexter	\$	5 60
Holman Mullen paid in Harmony		3 00
Geo. Preston		3 00
Chas. Ganeau, paid in Dexter		3 00
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	\$	14 60

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS

Paid D. W. Rollins, Supt. of schools	\$	228 56
P. T. Additon, clerk		23 85
C. S. Downing, treasurer		50 00
E. W. Sevey, collector		301 00
J. S. Laughton, selectman		75 00
F. L. Haseltine, selectman		40 00
F. L. Haseltine, before state assessors		5 00
Geo. Knowles, selectman		35 00
Geo. Knowles, constable		5 00
C. E. Tripp, town auditor		3 00
Chas. Brown, fire warden		7 00
Eldridge Gower, school board		5 00
John Wakefield, school board		5 00
Calvin Goodwin, school board		5 00
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	\$	788 41

EARLY PATROL

Appropriated by town	\$	50 00
Paid state		50 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated by town	\$	2,350 00
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Assessed for spring breaking	450 00
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Total	\$ 2,800 00
Paid state for patrol	\$ 545 60
on orders	2,615 69
Total	\$ 3,161 29
Overdrawn	\$ 361 29

TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated by town	\$ 1,200 00
Received from state, damage by dogs	120 00
tax on bank stock	1 92
state railroad and telegraph tax	44
bank int. on road money	13 50
Total	\$ 1,335 86

Paid Cobb Bros for snow roll	\$ 75 00
Mildred Levitt, expense in	
Hypog-Fowler case	6 40
J. S. Laughton, expense in	
Hypog-Fowler case	7 50
W. J. Hammond, vital statistics	1 00
Geo. Knowles, expense in	
Hypog-Fowler case	20 15
Loring, Short & Harmon,	
town books	12 15
Gazette Pub. Co., town reports	47 50
A. C. Strout, expense in Hy-	
pog-Fowler case	10 00
Smith and sale town books	3 00
Fay & Scott, on road machine	13 64
Maine Central Railroad freight	1 82
C. M. Conant Co., road ma-	
chine (repairs plow)	67 11
Eastern Tractor Co, road	
machine	25 20

W. J. Hammond	10 00
H. L. Bane, work on road machine	13 50
Elmer Monk, work on road machine	33 90
C. S. Downing	3 62
J. R. Litchfield	26 87
Loring, Short & Harmon	8 75
E. E. Pingree, work on road machine	10 00
Ivan Farrar, freight and trucking	1 16
J. R. Litchfield, picks, spades axes	13 51
J. R. Litchfield picks, spades axes	4 98
J. S. Laughton, sharpening drills	1 82
Ernest Sylvester, care of Ferndale cemetery	8 00
E. E. Pingree, sharpening road tools	6 35
J. S. Laughton, freight on plow	1 94
Ivan Farrar, setting glass	2 40
J. R. Litchfield, spades, oil	14 22
J. S. Laughton, stationery	82
Eldridge Bros, for glass	5 22
Geo. A. Dustin, for grub hoe	1 00
E. E. Pingree, work on road machine	5 30
Bucknam & Mountain, drill steel, spades	30 60
Wm. Britten, broken glass	1 76
W. H. Farrar, ballot clerk	3 00
E. E. Pingree, building snow roll	32 60
H. L. Bane, lumber snow roll	35 44
P. A. Hasty, making out papers, Hypsa Fowler case	6 00

J. R. Litchfield, glass, wire for town hall	5 93
Mrs. J. S. Laughton, for sta- tionery	1 14
E. W. Gower, for axe used on road	2 00
J. S. Laughton, lantern and saw	8 15
Bessie Litchfield, lighting silent policeman 1926-7	10 00
Chester Farrar, for axes lost on road	3 00
J. S. Laughton, telephone expense	5 00
W. A. Pratt, damage to field	15 00
C. S. Downing, services as moderator	3 00
C. S. Downing, driving hearse	15 00
C. S. Downing, care of cemetery	3 00
E. W. Page, care of cemetery	5 00
A. C. Strout, returning vital statistics	1 25
H. A. Eaton, ballot clerk	3 00
E. L. Sevey, discount on taxes	461 68
E. E. Pingree, work on roll	3 00
Town officers bills	788 41

Total	\$ 1,836 79
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Overdrawn	\$ 500 93
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THREE-TOWN ROAD

Appropriated by town	\$ 1,500 00
Appropriated by state	9,450 00
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	\$ 10,950 00

Paid for clearing and grubbing roadway	\$ 994 50
earth excavation and should- er work	1,514 69

rock excavation	274 34
sub base	1,523 81
rock base	2,735 85
labor on culverts	77 50
labor on end walls	35 00
surfacing	2,415 25
guard rail	6 00
engineering	263 45
for gravel	450 00
for culverts	395 05
for dynamite	264 05

Total \$ 10,949 69

Cost of road per foot for labor \$1.16

Length of road built, 8440 feet

Width of road, 23 feet

RESOURCES

Cash in treasury	\$ 189 87
Due from state pauper department	58 50
teachers pension	62 50
bounty on porcupine	7 75
L. R. Perkins, supplies furnish- ed his family 1924	89 54
Total	<hr/> \$ 408 16

LIABILITIES

Due on interest bearing orders	\$ 2,000 00
orders not bearing interest	17 10
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,017 10
Balance against the town	\$ 1,608 94

Respectfully submitted,

J. S LAUGHTON,

F. L. HASELTINE,

GEO. H. KNOWLES,

Selectmen of Ripley.

Road Commissioner's Report

PUBLIC ROADS IN SPRING AND SUMMER

Farrar Bros.	\$	7 75
Lee Brown		9 00
Harry Gould		24 00
Eddie Page		3 00
O. L. Sawyer		6 00
C. L. Corson		61 50
W. A. Pratt		1 50
O. L. Sawyer		3 00
Victor Clukey		16 50
Phylander Knowles		6 00
C. L. Corson		21 00
W. A. Sawyer		10 00
Phylander Knowles		3 00
Ernest Sylvester		3 00
E. E. Pingree		8 00
Alfred Philbrick		6 00
Farrar Bros.		12 50
Lew Decker		12 00
A. Randall		20 00
Farrar Bros.		25 00
Lee Brown		26 00
George Nutter		3 50
Harry Gould		21 00
John Webber		1 50
C. L. Corson		25 50
Harry Gould		18 00
W. A. Sawyer		15 00

Victor Clukey	13 50
Archie Farrar	3 00
Harland Wilkins	5 00
C. L. Corson	27 00
Harry Gould	20 00
Weston Mills	7 20
C. L. Corson	27 00
Victor Clukey	15 00
W. A. Sawyer	26 00
H. L. Bane	100 00
Frank Wakefield	5 00
Farrar Bros.	12 50
Charlie Jones	10 05
Lee Brown	6 00
John Cooley	3 00
Harry Gould	34 00
Walter Dunlap	11 00
Will Downing	2 25
Reuben Lane	6 00
W. Britten	3 50
C. L. Corson	55 00
Charles Kittridge	12 50
Victor Clukey	6 00
Farrar Bros.	25 00
Earl Felker	9 00
Amos Lord	3 00
Harry Gould	27 00
Harland Wilkins	40 00
Farrar Bros.	25 00
Archie Farrar	6 00
P. T. Additon	4 50
Douglass Britten	6 00
C. L. Corson	16 00
Ray Farrar	6 25
Walter Richardson	1 50
C. L. Corson	10 75
Harry Gould	5 00

H. L. Bane	143 00
W. H. Farrar	1 50
C. S. Downing	3 00

\$ 1,112 25

PLANK

E. L. Sevey	\$ 116 00
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GRAVEL

Douglas Britten	\$ 34 25
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WINTER

C. C. Emery	\$ 27 00
C. C. Emery	24 00
Ernest Sylvester	11 40
Chester Farrar	63 00
C. L. Corson	24 60
Earl Leavitt	1 20
Eddie Page	4 80
O. L. Sawyer	20 40
E. E. Pingree	3 00
A. C. Buck	10 80
Walter Richardson	10 80
C. C. Emery	6 00
John Jewett	17 10
Jesse Skillings	4 20
Fred Haseltine	3 50
M. L. Thurston	4 00
E. L. Sevey	6 90
Geo. Nutter	5 00
Clyde Willard	7 20
Roy Lane	15 00
Amos Lord	15 00
A. L. Ellms	3 60
Chas. Downing	1 50
Archie Farrar	8 85
Walter Dunlap	18 00

Raymond York	6 00
C. R. Cray	9 00
R. W. Mills	18 00
Abram McDougal	3 00
H. L. Wakefield	23 55
John Cooley	7 95
H. L. Bane	17 80
Clifton Skillings	6 30

\$ 408 45

SURFACING IMPROVED ROAD ON CHANDLER
HILL

Luke Clukey	\$ 9 00
H. L. Bane	6 00
H. L. Bane	8 00
C. L. Corson	12 00
Harry Gould	12 00
Earl Felker	3 00
Charles Kittridge	2 00
Clyde Willard	5 00
Victor Clukey	9 00
Clyde Willard	11 00
Vinal Leighton	3 00
Harry Gould	15 00
Luke Clukey	6 00
Victor Clukey	6 00
H. L. Bane	20 00
C. L. Corson	3 00
Roland Kittridge	9 00
C. L. Corson	45 00
Harland Wilkins	50 00
Raymond Farrar	62 50

\$ 296 50

GRAVEL

Lew Shepherd	\$ 26 25
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3rd CLASS ROAD CHANDLER HILL

H. L. Bane	\$	86 00
Douglas Britton		54 00
Earl Felker		48 00
Chester Farrar		9 00
Roland Kittridge		75 00
Luke Clukey		45 00
Orman Gerry		39 00
Victor Clukey		12 00
Roland Kittridge		24 00
Charles Kittridge		90 00
Harry Gould		96 00
Geo. Knowles		3 00
H. L. Bane		9 00
Harry Kittridge		10 00
Chester Knowles		30 00
Harland Wilkins		70 00
Raymond Farrar		75 00
L. C. Corson		52 22
Clyde Willard		40 00
Reuben Lane		30 00
Roy Lane		6 00

	\$	903 22
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Culverts		58 10
Gravel		35 00

	\$	996 32
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CUTTING BUSHES ON IMPROVED ROAD

H. L. Bane	\$	20 00
Llewellyn Cookson		15 00
Luke Clukey		12 00
C. L. Corson		12 00
C. L. Corson		15 75
Luke Clukey		15 75
Llewellyn Cookson		12 00

Archie Farrar	9 00
Weston Mills	9 75
Liston Wise	15 75
H. L. Bane	22 00
Lew Decker	9 75
Adelbert Decker	3 75

\$ 172 50

H. L. BANE,
Road Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

	Dr.	
To school fund order	\$	540 55
cash in treasury		212 18
cash from Garland for text		
books		3 00
cash from A. L. Ellms for road		15 00
cash from state school acct.		16 00
cash from state tax on bank		
stock		1 92
cash from state, damage to		
sheep		120 00
dog tax from town clerk		60 00
cash from state, for three		
town road		9,417 66
cash from state, highway dept.		28 50
cash from state dog licenses		
refunded		16 12
cash from state school fund		1,470 68
cash from state R. R. & Tel. tax		44
cash from state highway dept.		996 32
cash from state Fannie Marble		
pensions		137 50
cash from state, state pensions		96 00
cash from state, pauper acct.		179 97
money hired		1,000 00
commitment		10,033 78
int. from school fund order		32 43
int. from bank, road money		13 50

int. on Bartlett Tripp note	4 00
cash from J. E. Page, for culvert	31 92
due from coll., 1926, error in tax	51 00
	<hr/> \$ 24,468 47

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By school fund order	\$ 540 55
dog tax to state	60 00
cash to state for patrolman	545 60
state tax	12,430 45
county tax	324 96
state pensions	96 00
int. on school fund order	32 43
bounty on hedgehogs	7 75
town orders turned over	20,911 20
cash in treasury	189 87
interest bearing order	500 00
int. on order to E. L. Sevey	16 66
	<hr/> \$ 24,468 47

C. S. DOWNING, Treasurer.

BARTLETT TRIPP FUND

Dr.

To Tripp note	\$ 100 00
interest received	12 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 112 00

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By Tripp note	\$ 100 00
work on lot	1 00
cash with treasurer	11 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 112 00

GEO. FARRAR FUND

Dr.

To Farrar note	\$ 100 00
interest	4 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 104 00

Cr.

By Farrar note	\$ 100 00	
care of lot	4 00	
Total	<u> </u>	\$ 104 00

Cemetery Committee.

LIBRARY REPORT

Dr.

To amt. in bank	\$ 770 44	
received from state	7 50	
finer and dues	8 69	
int. from bank	31 16	
	<u> </u>	\$ 817 79

Cr.

By money paid for books	\$ 25 33	
amount in bank	792 46	
	<u> </u>	\$ 817 79

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Dr.

To amount in bank	\$ 158 00	
interest from bank	5 29	
	<u> </u>	\$ 163 29

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By amount in bank	\$ 163 29	
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C. S. DOWNING, Treas.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the tax payers of Ripley:

This is to certify that I have carefully gone over the books and accounts of your town officers and find them to agree with the report as herein printed.

C. E. TRIPP, Auditor.

Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1927

- Mar. 6. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alton, a son.
- Mar. 16. To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond York, a son.
- June 9. To Mr. and Mrs. John Murdock, a daughter.
- July 12. To Mr. and Mrs. Albra Rummery, a son.
- July 18. To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Mills, a son.
- Sept. 3. To Mr. and Mrs. Orthie Sawyer, a son.

Deaths

1927

- Apr. 3. Mrs. Mary E. Neal, age 84 years, 2 months, 21 days.
 - Apr. 15. Mrs. Annette Sevey, age 81 years, 22 days.
 - June 25. Mr. John R. Litchfield, age 44 years, 2 months, 4 days.
 - July 12. Infant Rummery.
 - Aug. 14. Mr. John D. Adkins, age 85 years, 1 month, 14 days.
 - Nov. 15. Mrs. Carrie F. Additon, age 73 years, 2 months, 28 days.
 - Dec. 3. Chester Rummery, age 4 years, 10 months, 27 days.
 - Dec. 12. Mr. Albert Sawyer, age 81 years, 10 days.
- 1928
- Jan. 5. Mr. John A. Rogers, age 74 years, 1 month, 6 days.

Marriages

1927

May 1. Mr. Orthie L. Sawyer and Miss Maude Roach.

June 18. Mr. Leon Albert Sevey and Miss Adelma
Laughton.

1928

Feb. 5. Mr. Guy F. Gould and Miss Thelma Leo.

Respectfully submitted,
P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

Report of Superintending School Committee

To the Citizens of Ripley:

The school officials of Ripley herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 20, 1928.

It is entirely safe to state that the schools of Ripley without exception, have prospered and done their work well during the twelve months since our last report. No untimely changes of teachers have taken place and there has been no unpleasant incident of any sort to mar the record of any school. This is as it should be and is greatly to the advantage of the boys and girls for whom the schools are maintained.

As a matter of record, all teachers employed during the past year are listed in the financial report on following pages. The school officials were sorry to be obliged to accept the resignations of some excellent and capable teachers during the summer vacation, due to personal changes of plans and circumstances. As these changes came at the end of the school year, however, it was possible to secure good teachers for all schools for the succeeding year. As it happens all teachers at present are graduates of normal school, and one has had several years of very successful experience, the latter being Mrs. Rena F. Eaton. For many years the State of Maine has had in view the distant goal of "a trained teacher for every rural school."

The term plan adopted for the present school year is like the one for last year, and is as follows:

Fall term began Sept. 5, extending to Oct. 28, 8 weeks.

1 week vacation, Oct. 30 to Nov. 5.

Re-opened Nov. 7, closed Dec. 30, 1927, 8 weeks.

8 weeks vacation

Spring term begins Feb. 20, extending to April 14, 8 weeks.

1 week vacation

Reopens April 23, closes June 8, 7 weeks.

Total, 31 weeks.

It is possible that the school committee may find it possible to extend the last half of the spring term to June 15, thus restoring the school year to 32 weeks as it has been for a time previous to last year. This step will have to be determined a little later, if at all.

Many things have become a routine part of each school year, as the noon lunch plan, health work, daily physical exercises as required by law, Memorial Day observance, public graduation in June, etc. These have been described in many previous reports and repetition would seem to be unnecessary.

During the spring term of 1927 there were 12 different pupils registered in the West Ripley School, 18 in the Jones School, 10 in the Head of the Pond School and 13 in the Mills School, a total of 53.

During the fall term of 1927 there were registered 10 pupils in the West Ripley School, 21 in the Jones School and 14 in the Mills school, a total of 45.

During the present school year the town is paying the tuition of the following high school pupils: in Harmony High School, Muriel Bane and Eleanor Bane; in Cony High School, Augusta, Angie Pingree, Elizabeth

Pingree and Vera E. Pingree; In N. H. Fay High School, Dexter, Minerva Knowles, Clyde Jewett, Frank Laughton, Vance Wakefield, Gertrude Richardson, Lucine Richardson, Dorothy Woodcock, Elmer Sevey, Aletha Haseltine, Linwood Haseltine, Edward Laughton, John Woodcock, Daniel Wakefield. Probably the name of Roscoe Philbrick, now a pupil in Hartland Academy, will be added to this list later in the year.

The name of one post graduate student in Dexter High, for whom tuition was charged for the Fall of 1926, was dropped from the list before the bill for the second half of the year was made up, and the amount paid on this account was credited to Ripley on a succeeding bill, so that while this student completed the post graduate year of work, Ripley was not called upon to pay any tuition for the same. The actual sum which has to be appropriated by the town annually for payment of high school tuition is small, on account of the fact that two thirds of the amount paid out for this purpose annually is re-imbursed to the town by the State.

The class that graduated from the Ripley Schools last June was made up of the following pupils: Edward Laughton, Elwin Pingree, Roscoe Philbrick, Daniel Wakefield, John Woodcock, Charles Cooley, Aletha Haseltine and Linwood Haseltine. Of this number Elwin Pingree is doing an additional year in the grammar school, voluntarily, Charles Cooley is at home, Roscoe Philbrick is in Hartland Academy, and all of the remaining members of the class are in Dexter High School.

In our last annual report it was stated that the Head of The Pond School would be re-opened for the spring term of 1927. This was done, as there were ten scholars in all available to attend, and this school was in operation for fifteen weeks. As the time drew near for the opening of schools for the last fall term it be-

came apparent that there would be only three scholars dependent upon this school, and it was then decided not to run it until such time as more pupils were again available. Two pupils were conveyed to the Mills School, and one was conveyed a part of the time to the Jones School and boarded the remainder of the time near that school. There seems to be little prospect in sight at present of opening the Head of the Pond School within a year, at least.

It would seem that much benefit could be obtained for many of the Ripley School children if the town would make a small appropriation for the purpose of sharing in the services of the Dexter Public Health nurse, who also serves as school nurse in both Dexter and Garland. By this plan regular examinations of all pupils for defects which hinder school work and physical development, such as defects of sight, hearing, teeth, throats, skin troubles, etc., could be made, with helpful home visits for report and advice. One visit to the Jones and Mills schools was made late in the Fall by the Somerset County Nurse. Her brief report of these visits, made at the request of the Supt. of Schools, will be here incorporated in this report. It would seem that more service for less expense could be given by the Dexter nurse, however, as her territory is so much less than a whole county and her distance to travel is much less.

My dear Mr. Rollins:

The day I visited Ripley I was unable to get to the school in West Ripley, but am pleased to enclose a report of what was done in the other two schools. I hope at the coming town meeting that Ripley will appropriate some money for health work.

School	No. inspected	No. defective	No. defects
Mills	14	4	5
Jones	16	7	10
	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 15

The defects include:

- 7 teeth
- 5 vision (or eyestrain)
- 2 10% or more underweight
- 1 20% overweight

A health talk was given in each school and the "6 point star" contest explained. A written notice of all defects found was sent to parents or guardians, and it was urged that defects be corrected. One home call was made.

I happened to be at the Mills school during the noon hour and was especially interested in the "Lunch" system. It is certainly gratifying to see how efficiently and cheerfully the little folk prepare, serve and clear away the lunch. They have certainly had some good training along that line, and are learning a valuable health lesson, being taught the neat way to do things and also being required to take sufficient time to eat their lunch.

Sincerely yours,

JULIA G. WILSON, R. N.

Somerset County Public Health Nurse
Maine Public Health Association.

SCHOOL FINANCES

This year no school accounts are overdrawn except the high school tuition account. This account is one which it is difficult to estimate in advance, as no one can tell with certainty just who will or will not decide to attend some high school some six or eight months later. For this year an increase of fifty dollars for the

high school tuition appropriation is recommended, in order to make it possible for the state to apportion the limit of re-imbursement next December, which is \$700. It would seem likely that Ripley would be granted this sum, or very nearly, and if so the overdraw shown ought to diminish to the vanishing point within a year or two.

A very gratifying balance is shown in the common school account, and it is hoped that the town will allow this saving to be applied to lengthening the school year to at least thirty two weeks, which we had previous to last year. An increase in length of school year can be made if the town does not materially reduce its appropriation for common schools.

As predicted last year, somewhat more had to be spent for renewal of school books than was the case last year.

While little expenditure was made this year for repairs of school property, this does not mean that there is not much which should be done to bring our school houses up to what is expected and desirable in these modern times. As suggested by some parents, a platform on the front of the Jones School would help the children to keep dry and clean in muddy weather, also warmer, and it would tend to keep a great deal of mud and dirt from being constantly brought into the building. Floors are extremely old, rough, and dusty, especially in the Mills and Jones schools. These floors are unsanitary, unsightly, and cause much extra labor in attempting to keep school rooms and entries clean. Some additional paint and muresco would also do much to make the interior of these schools more bright and attractive. The Mills School in particular, is not yet a comfortable school room in winter weather, and this in spite of much effort made by the school committee within the past two or three years to make the room warmer.

Through the efforts of Mr. Gower the yard of the Mills School was gravelled during the past summer. As this was a very wet and muddy spot, the improvement will be of much importance. About half of the expense was met by funds of the school league and the other half by the town. The item of \$12.80 which shows as paid to Mr. Gower in the Repairs account was paid out by him for gravel and hauling. It is a fact well deserving of mention that every parent having children in the Mills School contributed a day of work without charge, on this piece of improvement. Among those so contributing were Clifton Skillings, Fred Haseltine, Elmer Monk, Stanley Raymond, Bernard Brown, H. B. Hatch, Weston Mills, John Murdock, Clayton Courser, A. L. Randall and Eldridge Gower. Wm. Britten and Farrar Brothers also contributed by granting liberal discounts on the cost of hauling the gravel.

The following recommendations for school appropriations have been carefully planned by the school committee. They feel that these sums will allow of reasonable maintenance and progress. They also hope that if these estimates are adopted all overdraws of any consequence can be avoided.

Recommendations:

Common Schools	\$1,850 00
High school tuition	350 00
Textbooks	30 00
Miscellaneous account	60 00
Repairs	100 00
School board	15 00

These recommendations total \$80.00 less than last year's appropriations

We wish to express our thanks to all concerned for the fact that pleasant and friendly business relations have been the rule throughout the year at the hands of municipal officers, citizens and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
 ELDRIDGE GOWER,
 JOHN WAKEFIELD,
 CALVIN B. GOODWIN,
 School Committee.
 D. W. ROLLINS,
 Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Balance Forward	\$ 237 49
Appropriation	1,900 00
State school fund	870 68
Permanent school fund	32 43
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	\$ 3,040 60

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills school:

Helen Higgins, spring term, 15 weeks	\$ 285 00
Vera Haseltine, fall term, 17 weeks	306 00
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	\$ 591 00

Jones school:

Gertrude Farrar, spring term, 13 1-5 weeks	\$ 250 80
Mrs. Inez Wakefield, spring term, 9 days	34 20
Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 17 weeks	323 00
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	\$ 608 00

West Ripley school:

Adelma Laughton, spring term, 15 weeks	\$ 270 00
Ruth Irvin, fall term, 16 4-5 weeks	285 60

 \$ 555 60

Head of Pond school:

Frances Russell, spring term, 15 weeks	\$ 255 00
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 Total teachers' wages \$ 2,009 60

COMMON SCHOOL FUEL

W. A. Pratt	\$20 00	
Alvah M. Stafford	1 00	
Harland Wilkins	5 00	
C. S. Downing	35 50	
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COMMON SCHOOL JANITORS

Alton Gould	\$ 11 25	
Linwood Haseltine	12 00	
Henry Richardson	23 25	
Edward Laughton	11 25	
Alton Gower	12 50	
Susan Laughton	12 00	
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CONVEYANCE

Mrs. Jennie E. Perkins	\$ 122 88	
Isa Philbrick	20 50	
Archie Spencer	13 50	
Clifton H. Skillings	44 50	
Coburn Cooley	3 00	
Charlie Cooley	18 00	
Town of Dexter	127 65	
Total conveyance	<hr/>	\$ 350 03

TUITION

Town of Cambridge	\$	40 50
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BOARD OF PUPILS

Mrs. C. E. Jones	\$	39 00
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Total expenditures	\$	2,582 88
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Balance	\$	464 02
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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

State, tuition bill of 1919	\$	16 00
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Appropriation		300 00
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State		600 00
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Total resources	\$	916 00
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Expenditures

Overdraw forward	\$	150 99
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Hartland Academy		6 67
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Town of Harmony		108 33
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Augusta Board of Education		165 00
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Town of Dexter		678 33
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Total high school tuition	\$	1,109 32
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Overdrawn	\$	193 32
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TEXT BOOK

Resources

Balance forward	\$	94 74
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Appropriation		10 00
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Total resources	\$	104 74
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Expenditures

The A. N. Palmer Company	\$	1 14
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Silver-Burdett & Company		10 17
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Town of Dexter		14 39
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Benj. H. Sanborn & Company		1 77
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Town of Garland 7 40

Total text book \$ 34 87

Balance \$ 69 87

REPAIRS

Resources

Appropriation \$ 200 00

Expenditures

Overdraw forward \$ 34 84

Eldridge Gower 12 80

J. L. Packard Company 2 50

Total expenditures \$ 50 14

Balance \$ 149 86

Miscellaneous

Resources

Balance forward \$ 10 71

Appropriation 60 00

Total resources \$ 70 71

Expenditures

Gazette Publishing Company \$ 1 50

The Educational Supply Company 5 20

Willie Lyshon 5 00

A. M. Stafford 5 00

Bucknam & Mountain 2 13

Town of Dexter 8 49

J. L. Hammett Company 20 55

Edward E. Babb & Company 3 45

Total miscellaneous \$ 51 32

Balance \$ 19 39

SCHOOL BOARD

Resources

Appropriation \$ 15 00

Expenditures

Eldridge Gower	\$	5	00	
John Wakefield		5	00	
Calvin Goodwin		5	00	
Total school board				\$ 15 00

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expended	Balances	Overdrawn
Com. schools	\$3,040 60	\$2,582 88	\$464 02	
H. S. tuition	916 00	1,109 32		\$193 32
Text books	104 74	34 87	69 87	
Miscellaneous	70 71	51 32	19 39	
Repairs	200 00	50 14	149 86	
School board	15 00	15 00		
		\$		
			\$703 14	\$193 32
Total balance unexpended				\$509 82

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